**![MC900140621[1]]()**Dear Parents/Carers,

We have a very busy term planned as we count down to Christmas. We will have lots of fun and new experiences, whilst our expectations of the effort and work your children will produce are very high.

**Term 2 Learning in Sharks**

**The Great War**

Our Learning Journey this term is focusing on the events that took place in ‘The Great War’. Year Six will be paying particular attention to women’s roles in the war. In History the children will learn about the alliances and main events that took place during this time.

Our science learning for this term will be centred around light, where we will be making periscopes nearer to the end of term.

**English**

To tie in with our WW1 topic this term, our English lessons will be based upon the novel by Michael Morpurgo called ‘Private Peaceful’. The children will cover a range of writing genres such as war poetry, fear stories and finally explanation texts.

**How you can help your child**

* Make sure your child reads daily and discuss the stories in terms of reasons for

 characters’ actions, and reasons for the author’s choices of vocabulary. Don’t forget

to record reading sessions in the ‘Greedy Reader’ booklets. The children will need to read 35 times this term to become a ‘Greedy Reader’. This will also include the half term break.

* Discuss meanings of any new vocabulary your child comes across in the context.
* Support with any English / Grammar homework.
* Test children on their weekly spellings.

**We would also like to invite you to attend our by-weekly ‘Words with Wings’ sessions, which will take place every Friday from 2.30pm – 3.00pm, where we will be demonstrating different approaches to reading with your growing and maturing child. We know the challenges change as they move closer to their transition to secondary school!**

**Mathematics**

In our maths lessons, we will be covering a range of mathematical topics starting with division, followed by exploring shape and then finally progressing to understanding units of measure. We will also regularly recap the addition, subtraction and multiplication strategies we learnt last term.

**How you can help your child**

* Look for opportunities to talk about maths in the everyday environment.
* Support your child and give them time to use mental calculations skills in

 real life contexts.

* Please ask your child about what they have been learning and

 encourage them to explain the methods they use in calculations.

* Help your child to learn the times tables that they are working on to

 prepare for our weekly ‘Number Munchers’ challenges.

**PE**

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PE this term will be taught by Premier Sports, with gymnastics being a focus for learning. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school so that they can enjoy the session appropriately.

**Homework**

Homework will be given out on a Thursday and is expected to be in on the following Friday at the latest. It is important that homework is completed as this will help support the learning they have been doing in school. In order to keep homework tidy, the children have been supplied with a specific homework book. The children will also be given 10 spellings to learn each week, which they will be tested on each Thursday and Friday. Please support your child as they learn these.

**How you can help your child:**

**Termly Homework** **Project**

Your child’s challenge is to design a World War 1 trench made out of materials of their choosing. You may want to design the trench first and remember they were curved so that enemies could not shoot straight down them. Don’t forget to get started nice and early so that we can all have time to appreciate the effort involved.

Please continue to let us know if your child is walking home or being collected by someone who may not be known to us using the home-school contact book.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Mr Croft and Mrs Minords